

I.U.B.S. Section of Zoological Nomenclature

Report of Meeting, Amsterdam, 6 September 1991

Present: Prof Dr O. Kraus (Chairman), Miss D. Allan, Prof W.J. Bock, Dr Q. Bone, Prof D.L. Bruton, Dr H.G. Cogger, Prof J.O. Corliss, Prof C. Dupuis, Dr L.B. Holthuis, Prof N.G. Krushchov, Dr P.T. Lehtinen, Prof A. Minelli, Dr C. Nielsen, Dr I.W.B. Nye, Dr A.C. Pierrot-Bults, Dr W.D.L. Ride, Prof J.M. Savage, Prof U. Simidu, Mr J.D.D. Smith, Dr F.C. Thompson, Dr P.K. Tubbs, Prof. S.G. Vassetzky.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all present. He explained that the Section of Zoological Nomenclature was convened by IUBS and consisted of members of the Commission, any zoologists being members of national or other delegations, Sections or Commissions of IUBS, and any other zoologists registered for the IUBS General Assembly, for the Biodiversity Symposium or for associated workshops.

2. *Minutes of Previous Meeting of the Section*

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Section, held at Canberra from 14 to 18 October 1988, had been published in the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature* (BZN 46: 14–18) and were circulated. They were accepted and signed.

3. *Election of Members to the Commission*

All members of the Section had a vote in the ballot for new members of the Commission. Five vacancies had been announced, arising from the completion of tenure of Dr Cogger, Prof Kraus, Dr Mroczkowski and Dr Ride and the resignation of Dr G.C. Gruchy. Twenty-eight zoologists had been nominated for membership of the Commission, including the four retiring members whom the Council of the Commission had ruled eligible for re-election. In accordance with Article 4d of its Constitution, the Commission had selected ten of the nominees to present to the Section as candidates. Five of the ten nominees were recommended by the Commission for election to secure the best balance of nationality and zoological field in Commission membership. The ballot was open from the afternoon of 3 September to the afternoon of 5 September. Forty-eight members of the Section voted. Professor Corliss (Councillor) conducted the election. The following five zoologists were elected to the Commission:

Dr P. Bouchet	France	Mollusca
Dr H.G. Cogger	Australia	Herpetology
Prof Dr O. Kraus	Germany	Arachnology
Dr W.D.L. Ride	Australia	Mammalia
Dr P. Štys	Czechoslovakia	Heteroptera

4. *Present Work of the Commission*

The Chairman reported on the present work of the Commission, referring particularly to the preparation of Lists of Names, Specialist Nomenclature Committees, the current financial position, the European Association for Zoological Nomenclature and the work of the Editorial Committee set up to prepare a draft of the Fourth Edition of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature. Details of these and other items are contained in the Report of the Commission's meeting held between 2 and 6 September 1991.

Dr Pierrot-Bults described the work of the Expert-center for Taxonomic Identifications (ETI) that had recently been set up at the Institute of Taxonomic Zoology of the University of Amsterdam, funded by the Dutch Government, the University of Amsterdam and UNESCO. She explained that ETI was in the process of setting up a database of taxonomic information to enable answers to be given to taxonomic, biogeographic and ecological questions. The Section recognised the extreme importance to ETI of accurate zoological nomenclature and stressed the need for close collaboration between the Commission and ETI, particularly in connection with the proposed Lists of Names.

5. There being no other business the Chairman thanked members of the Section for their assistance to the Commission and closed the meeting.